



TO REVIEWERS OF THE SIMPSON AHCP/CCAA AND EIS:

Reviewers will note the use of different terms in the Simpson AHCP/CCAA (the "Plan") and the Environmental Impact Statement ("EIS") relating to the area covered by the Plan. These differences are derived from the documents' different purposes and statutory requirements arising from the National Environmental Policy Act ("NEPA") and the Endangered Species Act ("ESA") and relevant regulations. The Plan sets forth a series of conservation measures and other actions that Simpson will undertake if the proposed Plan is approved. In order to satisfy the requirements of ESA Section 10(a) for issuance of incidental take permits and enhancement of survival permits, this document includes significant detail regarding the location where incidental take will be authorized and the measures that Simpson proposes to implement.

Simpson buys and sells timberlands within the area to be covered by the Plan on a regular basis and expects to continue this practice in the normal course of business during the 50-year term of the Plan. To reflect this aspect of Simpson's business, Simpson has proposed a Plan that allows some flexibility in adjusting the Plan Area to reflect acquisitions and sales of land within an overall prescribed area (defined as the "Eligible Plan Area"). The Plan and the accompanying Implementation Agreement also include a number of terms and definitions to provide for implementation of this concept. The Plan analyzes potential impacts of take and other section 10(a) permit approval criteria under the assumption that the activities covered by the permits could take place in the entire Eligible Plan Area, subject to a number of limitations spelled out in the Plan.

The EIS is written pursuant to NEPA; its purpose is to assess the environmental impacts of the federal agencies' actions in issuing the requested permits and approving the Plan. The EIS relies on the Plan to describe the underlying details of the proposed federal actions. In contrast to the Plan, the EIS uses terms from NEPA to describe the area in which the authorized activities may occur and to assess potential environmental impacts of the federal agencies' issuance of the permits. The EIS does not repeat or restate the mechanics and details of the Plan but instead focuses on the impacts, both individual and cumulative, that may result from changes in the environment caused by the agencies' approval of the Plan and the accompanying permits.

Although the Plan and EIS use different terminology and reflect different levels of detail, the terminology relating to land areas described in the two documents is parallel. As shown in the chart below, "Action Area," in the EIS, corresponds to "Plan Area" in the Plan. "Primary Assessment Area" in the EIS corresponds with the "Eligible Plan Area" in the Plan. The EIS cumulative impacts assessment area corresponds to the 11 Hydrographic Planning Areas ("11 HPAs") referenced in the Plan.

<u>Term Used in EIS</u>	<u>Terms Used in Plan</u>
Action Area	Plan Area
Primary Assessment Area	Eligible Plan Area
Cumulative impacts assessment area	11 HPAs

Other terms used in the Plan to describe specific details of implementation are not included in the EIS.